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JUST A WORD ... by Fr. Harvey

Two letters arrived this past week from Fr. King. He is now settled in Rome and no doubt has assumed a studious posture. Before arriving in the Eternal City, he had the opportunity to visit the sights of the Holy Land. (That experience, no doubt, will serve him well in Biblical studies.)

Seldom, it seems, is Fr. King able to travel without problem or pain. "My first mishap occurred yesterday (February 29). I was up in a large canyon-like place (where David is said to have hid from Saul). It is a gorgeous trail high up looking out over the Dead Sea. A rock about the size of a baseball came down and landed on my foot, just behind the toes. They are swollen and discolored today but I think it'll be o.k. When I realize what might have happened if it conked me on the head ... Wow!" (The battles of David and Goliath may still be raging).

I know some are interested in obtaining Father's address, so here it is.

Rev. William G. King
Casa Santa Maria dell'Umilta
Via dell'Umilta, 30
00187 Rome, Italy

P.S. Only use this address to send good news.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch, there are many note-worthy events that deserve your attention.

Friday of this week is that grand ol' day for those who wear the green. St. Patrick's Day would not be complete without a friendly donnybrook over a cup of Irish coffee. Even if you don't need a shillellagh or can't do the Irish Jig, you can shout "Erin go bragh" with the best of 'em at Pat and Nan O'Hara's Irish Coffee Benefit on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Bring yourself and your friends to 479 Courtland for a minute or an hour. You will meet many friends (some are not even Irish). In the evening, you can enjoy a corned beef and cabbage dinner at the K of C Hall. You shouldn't miss either!

Please don't forget the Communal Penance Service scheduled for March 24, (Friday) at 7:30 p.m. Five priests will be available to hear confessions that evening. It looks like we will have a very interesting confession service. I hope that most of those planning to receive the Sacrament of Penance before Easter will do so on that evening while the five priests are present. If you have never attended a penance service, now is your chance to do so. You'll profit from it.

This year, 200 parishioners will have the opportunity to participate in the Paschal Meal. The Paschal Meal, as you know, is the special religious meal celebrated by the Jewish people at Passover time. It was such a meal that Jesus shared with his disciples before he celebrated His own Passover in His death and resurrection. It was during such a meal that Christ instituted the New Covenant, the Holy Eucharist. Since our present day Christian Mass has its roots in this familial religious meal, the celebration of the Paschal Meal can be a very rich experience and a beautiful preparation for the celebration of the greatest of all Christian Holy days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. Tickets are being sold in the main vestibule of the Church after the Sunday Masses. This special celebration is sponsored jointly by the Worship and Service Commissions of our parish.

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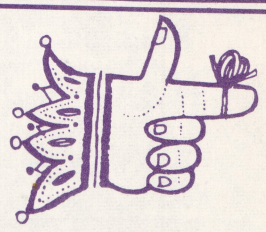

REMINDER

First Communion interviews must be completed by Holy Week. Communicants can contact Fr. Harvey or Deacon Ken at the Rectory (483-3360) to make an appointment.

PENANCE SERVICE

to be held

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

at 7:30 PM

Why not prepare for the celebration of Easter by celebrating God's loving forgiveness with your fellow parishioners

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

This Friday, March 10th., the Stations of the Cross will be presented by students with the help of Sister Mary ... would you like to join them?

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEKDAYS OF LENT

I am the light of the world, says the Lord: the man who follows me will have the light of life.

THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

MONDAY
Is. 65: 17-21; Jn. 4: 43-54

TUESDAY
Ez. 47: 1-9, 12 Jn. 5:1-3, 5-16

WEDNESDAY
Is. 49: 8-15; Jn. 5: 17-30

THURSDAY
Ex. 32: 7-14; Jn. 5: 31-47

FRIDAY
Wis. 2: 1, 12-22; Jn. 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY
Jer. 11: 18-20; Jn. 7: 40-53

NOTES ON PARISH COUNCIL

Do you know who the representatives on the parish council are? Do you know when the meetings are being held? Do you know that the meetings are open to you if you want to attend? Perhaps the following will be a memory refresher:

MEMBERS:

Dr. Paul Nau - Parish Council President and Education Commission representative (Doreen Binder is temporary representative while Dr. Nau is serving as president).

Fr. King - Pastor and Administration Commission Facilitator

Fr. Harvey - Associate Pastor and Worship Commission Facilitator

Sr. Carol Denise - Sister representative

Mr. Don Courtois - Secretary and elected representative

Mr. Harold Gregg - Administration Commission representative and elected member

Mrs. Eileen Jackson - Worship Commission representative

Mrs. Virginia Daniels - Service Commission representative

Mr. Leo Hayes - Scouts' representative

Mrs. Madeline Groshans - elected member

Mrs. Juanita Weins - elected member

Mr. Richard Kuhl - elected member

Mr. Lee Sanford - elected member

STABLE OBSERVERS:

Sr. Carol Schlarman - Service Commission Facilitator

Sr. Jacqueline Eustace - Education Commission Facilitator

Sr. Mary O'Connell - Worship and Choir representation

Parish Council meetings are held on the SECOND MONDAY of each month at 8:00 p.m. in the Center Library. These meetings are open to the parish. From now on the minutes of the preceeding month's meeting will be printed in the bulletin on the Sunday preceeding the Council meeting so that you may know the workings in your parish.

The next meeting is tomorrow evening, March 13. Why don't you try to attend?

BABYSITTING SERVICES

Pictured above are Kathy Fromm and Patty Madigan, Eastern Michigan students from our parish who have been giving of their time on Sunday mornings in order to give service to their parish. Other sitters are Cherill Herbert, Cindy Wagner, Debbie Gillman.

Without the competent services of these students, our parish would not be able to offer parents this opportunity. We hope you are taking advantage of this offer during the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses each Sunday.

Our grateful thanks is extended to these gracious young ladies who are doing such a willing job each week.

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THINGS PEOPLE WONDER ABOUT

Why do the O'Hara's have an annual IRISH COFFEE at their home? It really gives them a chance to talk about their Irish-named daughters, Kathleen, Colleen, and Brigid. Hope to see you there between 10:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. this St. Patrick's Day.

How does the Service Commission function for our parish? There are no less than 52 areas of service under which committees have been formed to better serve the needs of individuals, groups, and happenings whether in the parish or overlapping into the community at large. It is in this way that St. John's has shown its Christian commitment to the lives of people. Do you belong to the Service Commission? If so, you received a detailed picture of the areas of concern and need at the general gathering in February; if not, you would be pleasantly surprised to know of the many areas that are being covered by other members of our parish.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

February 14, 1972

1. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Father Harvey.
2. The minutes were accepted as written.
3. EDUCATION COMMISSION — Sr. Jackie and Dr. Nau reported.
   a. Plans for the Scripture Lecture which will be given by Fr. Kerr, starting on February 16.
   b. The possibilities of showing a liturgy movie for the parish one Sunday a month.
   c. Open house for parents of children in the Education Programs.
   d. Preparation of the budget.
   e. Evaluation forms for the programs.
   f. Reports on visitations to education classes.
   g. Evaluation of Parents' Questionnaires
   h. It was decided not to try to have Confirmation this year because there was not time to prepare the Liturgy. It was noted that there has been no Confirmation in this parish for about five years, but that the Liturgy is in the process of change at this point.
4. ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION — Mr. Gregg and Mr. Hayes reported.

The survey of the parish physical plant is complete. It has been estimated that some $16,000, would be needed to complete the repairs needed. Priorities are being established.

The financial statement for the period July through January was handed out. At the present rates, the annual parish income will not meet the amount estimated at the beginning of the fiscal year.

5. SERVICE COMMISSION — Sr. Carol Schlarman reported.

Topics discussed at recent meetings were:

   a. Service Commission meetings planned for Feb. 21 and 22.
   b. Monthly parish activities.
   c. Project Transition - a rehabilitation program involving former patients of Ypsilanti State Hospital.
   d. The idea of the use of St. John facilities for a Day-Care Center has been rejected because of Day-Care stipulations and the possibilities of the full-time use of facilities next year.
   e. It was reported that the Youth Committee has voted down the proposal to become an independent Youth Commission.

6. WORSHIP COMMISSION — Mrs. Jackson reported.
   a. Profit from Christmas card sales was $512.50 and the remaining cards will be sold again this year.
   b. Parish pot-luck suppers will be held each Wednesday in Lent at 6:30 PM.
   c. The Worship Commission Mardi Gras party plans completed.
   d. A meeting for the whole commission planned for February 21.
7. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fr. Harvey asked for reaction to the idea of not having Confessions during Holy Week after Wednesday. The Council was in agreement with the idea.

It was noted that a Council Nominating Committee is needed by April 1. Dr. Nau agreed to the action.

8. The meeting was adjourned so that members could attend the "Bon Voyage" party for Father King.

Submitted by D. A. Courtois

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

STANLEY STEVENS, son of George and Diane Jones Stevens was received into St. John's Parish on March 1, 1972 by Father David Harvey. STANLEY'S godparents were Eddie and Rose Stevens.

Welcome Stanley.

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St. Ursula's Madonna Guild will sponsor a RECYCLING (RUMMAGE) SALE, Friday, March 17 and Saturday, March 18. (doors open at 9:00 a.m.) at the Parish Hall on S. Harris Ave., Ypsilanti, Michigan. The hall is about 1/4 mile off Grove Road on S. Harris Avenue.

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MARCH 15 - WHAT'S NEW IN THEOLOGY? Need of a new Theology, theological freedom within bounds, teacher and catechists in the church.

MARCH 22 - WHAT'S NEW IN MORALITY? Christian way of life, New Morality, Ethics in Sexuality and Marriage.

MARCH 29 - WHAT'S NEW IN WORSHIP? New worship, need of new liturgical forms, Communal Penance, etc.

ST. URSULA'S PARISH HALL, Harris Rd., and Foley St., Ypsilanti, Michigan. Wednesday Evenings, March 15, 22, 29. Time: 8:00 - 10:00 PM. (Brief coffee break).

LECTURER: Paul F. Palmer, S.J., S.T.D.

Father Palmer is an internationally known scholar in the field of Sacramental Theology. He is the author of many books and articles, and contributed extensively to learned journals and encyclopedias. At present, he is a guest professor at St. John's Seminary, Plymouth, Michigan, a provincial seminary for the seven dioceses in the state of Michigan.

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St. Anthony's Church of Belleville will hold the Annual Smorgasbord Dinner on March 19th., - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the School Hall at 409 Columbia Avenue. Adults - $2.25, Children (6-12) $1.00. Under 6 - Free.

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THE GOSPEL

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with his saliva, and smeared the man's eyes with the mud. Then he told him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." This name means "One who has been sent." So the man went off and washed, and came back to see. His neighbors and the people who had been accustomed to see him begging began to ask, "Isn't this the fellow who used to sit and beg?" Some were claiming it was he; others maintained it was not but someone who looked like him. The man himself said, "I am the one." Next, they took the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. Note that it was on a sabbath that Jesus had made the mud paste and opened his eyes. The Pharisees, in turn, began to inquire how he had recovered his sight. He told them, "He put mud on my eyes. I washed it off, an now I can see." This prompted some of the Pharisees to assert, "This man cannot be from God because he does not keep the sabbath." Others objected, "If man is a sinner, how can he perform signs like these?" They were sharply divided over him. Then they addressed the blind again: "Since it was your eyes he opened, what do you have to say about him?" "He is a prophet," he replied. "What!" they explained. "You are steeped in sin from your birth, and you are giving us lectures?" With that they threw him out bodily. When Jesus heard of his expulsion he sought him out and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" "You have seen him," Jesus replied. "He is speaking to you now." "I do believe, Lord," he said, and bowed down to worship him.

John 9,1, 6-9
13-17, 34-38

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, March 12
9:00 a.m. - Pre-school Classes, Religion Center
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses Babysitting Services, Rm. 5, Religion Center
MONDAY, March 13
7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, Church Hall
8:00 p.m. - Parish Council Meeting, Center Library
TUESDAY, March 14
1:00 p.m. - Project Transition, Center Library
7:00 p.m. - Teen Center Activities
7:30 p.m. - Liturgy Meeting, Rm. 9, Religion Center
7:30 p.m. - Convert Classes, Rectory, Deacon Ken
7:30 p.m. - Project Transition, Rm. 11
WEDNESDAY, March 15
9:30 a.m. - Scripture Course, Center Library (Babysitting services will be provided)
6:30 p.m. - Potluck Supper, Church Hall
8:00 p.m. - Scripture Course, Center Library
THURSDAY, March 16
7:00 p.m. - Teen Center Activities
7:15 p.m. - Adult Choir, Rm. 9, Religion Center
8:00 p.m. - Ushers Meeting, Rectory Basement
FRIDAY, March 17
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. - Irish Coffee at O'Hara's - Happy St. Patrick's Day
7:30 p.m. - Lenten Devotions
SATURDAY, March 18
9:00 - 12:00 a.m. - Girl Scouts, Church Hall

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 18, 1972
5:00 p.m. ..... E. Look
SUNDAY, March 19, 1972
7:00 a.m. ..... D. Racine
9:00 a.m. ..... J. White
11:00 a.m. ..... R. Wagner

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, March 18, 1972
5:00 p.m. ..... C. Budinger
SUNDAY, March 19, 1972
7:00 a.m. ..... F. Wawrzaszek
9:00 a.m. ..... M. White
11:00 a.m. ..... L. Sanford

USHERS' MEETING

Thursday - March 16, 1972
- 8:00 p.m. -
In the Rectory Basement

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, March 13, 1972
7:00 a.m. - Agnes Rumberger, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Keith Schenher
TUESDAY, March 14, 1972
7:30 a.m. - Distribution of Holy Communion
12:00 Noon - George J. Max, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Hutting, Jr.
WEDNESDAY, March 15, 1972
7:00 a.m. - Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault
7:30 p.m. - Novena Devotions and Rosary
THURSDAY, March 16, 1972
7:30 a.m. - Distribution of Holy Communion
12:00 Noon - Gaynelle Starwas, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Dunkelberger
FRIDAY, March 17, 1972
7:00 a.m. - Andy Kelly, req. by Mrs. Andy Kelly
7:30 p.m. - Stations of The Cross by Young Parishioners
SATURDAY, March 18, 1972
9:00 a.m. - Norman Lubig, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cicirelli
SUNDAY, March 19, 1972
7:00 a.m. - Deceased Members August Binder Family, req. by Mrs. Andy Kelly
9:00 Walter Kempf, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Borener
11:00 a.m. - Clara Percha, req. by Mary Fuller

ALTAR BOYS WEEK OF MARCH 12

WEEKDAY MASSES - 7:00 a.m. or 12:00 noon

WEDNESDAY EVE. MASSES - 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY MORN MASSES - 9:00 a.m.

FRIDAY DEVOTIONS - 7:30 p.m.
TEAM 1 - Mon. - Tues. - Wed.
Ronald Bureau & Joe Slater
TEAM 2 - Thurs. - Fri. - Sat.
Kerry Kimlin & Chuck Gannon

SATURDAY, March 18
5:00 p.m. - Paul Yenger & Pat Sullivan

SUNDAY, March 19
9:00 a.m. - Paul & Kevin Courtois
9:00 a.m. - Kevin & Chris McCarthy
11:00 a.m. - Tim O'Hara & Mike Prevost
7:00 p.m. - Matt Chiodini & Gerald Sullivan

FRIDAY DEVOTIONS - March 17
7:30 p.m. - Gabriel Martinez, Mike & Frank Williams

BAKE SALE

The Kitchen Committee is having a bake sale in the basement of the church on March 12th., after the 7-9-11 o'clock Masses. Stop down. Coffee is being served. Bring your goodies and/or stop and buy some.

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

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SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

HOLYDAY LITURGY
5:30 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday

BAPTISMS
At 11:00 a.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.

MARIAN DEVOTIONS
7:15 Wednesday evenings.

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